



January 16, 2019

Featured February Events

Kids All Iowa Reads

Wednesday, February 20, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Amina's Voice, by Hena Kahn, is the story of an 11-year-old girl navigating friendship, family, religion, and dreams of becoming a soul-singing sensation. In a quiet Milwaukee suburb, Amina and her best friend Soojin grapple with their own ethnic identities and the pressure to Americanize. Amina's struggles to balance her faith, friendship, and aspirations are all resolved in this universal story of self-acceptance and the acceptance of others.

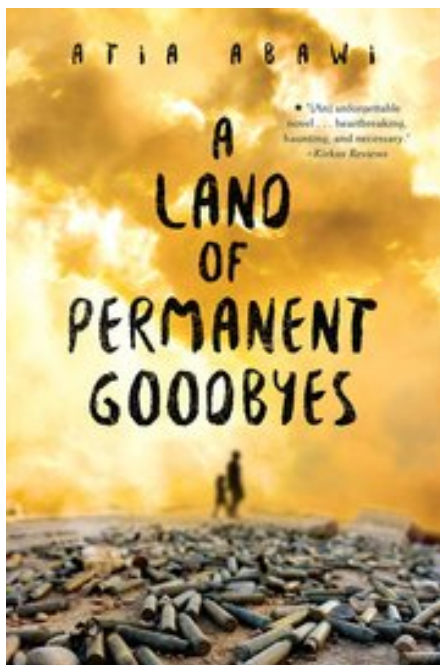
The author and member of the Kids AIR Committee will provide an in-depth commentary about the story, identify topics and themes important to librarians planning their own discussions, and will take questions from the audience throughout.

In addition, the following elements will be included: Mini reviews of books that were 2019 finalists; availability of multiple copies to use in your discussion; adding your upcoming program to the AIR Calendar of Events; and resources available on the Iowa Center for the Book website.



[Register for Kids All Iowa Reads](#)

Teen All Iowa Reads



Wednesday, February 27, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

A Land of Permanent Goodbyes, by Atia Abawi, tells the story of Tareq, who lives with his family in Syria until the country is ripped apart by war. With their city in ruins, and their way of life destroyed, they travel as refugees from Syria to Turkey to Greece, facing danger at every turn. Tareq must find the resilience and courage to complete his harrowing journey. While this is one family's story, it is also the timeless tale of the heartbreaking consequences of all wars. And it is a testament to the hope that spurs people forward against all odds.

Atia Abawi is an award-winning author and journalist-and a refugee herself, who witnessed the crisis firsthand.

The author and members of the Teen AIR Committee will provide an in-depth commentary about the story, identify topics and themes important to librarians planning their own discussions, and will take questions from the audience throughout.

The following elements will also be included: mini reviews of books that were 2019 finalists; availability of multiple copies to use in your discussion; adding your upcoming program to the AIR Calendar of Events; and resources available on the Iowa Center for the Book website.

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Coming in March

Summer Library Program Roundtables

Various dates and locations, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Join us in-person as we discuss and review programming and resource ideas for the 2019 summer library program overall theme of Outer Space. Included in the roundtables will be craft displays, drawings for door prizes, and displays of some of the books listed in the manuals. Please plan to bring your ideas for programs to share with your colleagues. The round tables will be three hours; each age group discussion will be 45 minutes. Each will start with early literacy, followed by children, teens and adults. We will take a one hour break for lunch.



[Summer Library Program Roundtables](#)

More Upcoming Opportunities



Library Volunteers: Tapping into Community Engagement

Tuesday, February 5, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Volunteerism is changing. Libraries now have the opportunity to engage highly skilled volunteers who can bring unique their expertise to bear on the library's mission. This webinar will showcase the potential for your community whether your library is large or small. Actual success stories of innovative library volunteer engagement will be shared.

[Register for Library Volunteers](#)



Medical Reference Materials in Credo Reference

Wednesday, February 6, 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

February is American Heart Month. Help your community on their health journey by joining us for a 30 minute overview of Medical Reference materials. By the end of this short demonstration, you will be able to locate Credo's Medical Reference Content in areas such as nursing, anatomy, fitness and general health and wellness; locate short videos on human anatomy and medical condition; create a bookshelf of favorite medical reference and video content which will be bookmark-able and link-able.

Webinar will not be recorded.

[Register for Medical Reference Materials](#)



Let's Get Moving in Iowa Libraries! Physical Activity Programs for Fun & Health

Tuesday, February 12, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Attend this webinar to learn how, no matter your size or budget, you can do something to support physical activity. Using examples from Iowa libraries, and from around the world, this webinar will provide you with seven proven strategies you can use to develop new programs, services, and spaces at your library.

The webinar will conclude by discussing how you can do these things (and more!) through community partnerships. The U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services calls upon libraries to become “Community Catalysts” and “transform how they collaborate with their communities.” Learn how you can form and sustain community partnerships to do new things in your community to get your community moving. Ample time will be available for Q&A, and Dr. Lenstra is also available for follow-up discussion.

[Register for Let's Get Moving](#)



Friday Tech Focus

Friday, February 22, 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Join us on a Friday every calendar quarter to learn about a new tech or web tool, and discuss how it might be used in a library setting. We'll also show a “library-ish” (i.e., might be useful to librarians) mobile app and invite others to share their favorite app.

Perfect for the busy librarian! Spend 30 minutes learning about a new tool, then stay for informal discussion if you have time.

[Register for Friday Tech Focus](#)



Big Ideas Book Discussion

Thursday, February 28, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The first book in the 2019 Big Ideas Book Discussion series is *The Art of Gathering: How We Meet and Why It Matters* by Priya Parker. The author believes that the gatherings in people's lives are largely lackluster and unproductive--which they don't have to be. Drawing on her expertise as a facilitator of high-powered gatherings around the world, Parker takes us inside events of all kinds to show what works, what doesn't, and why. She investigates a wide array of gatherings--conferences, meetings, and courtrooms.

From GoodReads “...Parker explains how ordinary people can create remarkable occasions, large and small. She breaks down the alchemy of meetings to show what goes into the good ones...the result is a book that's both journey and guide, full of big ideas with real-world applications that will change the way you look at a business meeting, a parent-teacher conference, and a backyard barbecue.”

Webinar will not be recorded.

Self-Paced Learning

Small Change: Building Financial Security

Maximum 12 Credits

Small Change: Building Financial Security, a free course to increase personal finance knowledge and be empowered to create successful financial literacy library programs for adults and children, is now offered entirely online. Participants can earn up to 12 continuing education hours and \$500 worth of financial materials for their library (limited to first 50 participants).

The online course covers four topics: finance fundamentals, insurance, investing and retirement planning. Each topic includes three modules; participants can earn one continuing education credit hour for each module completed, for a maximum of 12 credit hours. Module completion requires reviewing resources and passing a short quiz.

Participants who complete at least one module in each topic area AND complete a final bonus activity of creating a library program plan before March 1, 2019 will be eligible to receive \$500 worth of financial materials for their library. This option is only available to the first 50 people to complete the requirements.

Originally a blended (face-to-face and online) learning course, **Small Change** is funded by a grant from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Investor Education Foundation to ISU Extension.

Registration will remain open until the course closes on March 1.

After registering, click on “My courses” and locate the course listing, then click the “Launch” button. Look for instructions for navigating the course at the top of the course page.

For questions, contact Alysia Peich at alysia.peich@iowa.gov or 1-800-248-4483.

[Take Small Change](#)